

Blanche K. Bruce House
909 M. Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-370

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Blanche K. Bruce House			HABS NO. DC-370
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 909 M Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1865		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of Blanche K. Bruce (1854-1898), the first black man to serve a full term as a United States Senator. A former slave, Bruce represented Mississippi from 1875 to 1881. After his term, Bruce remained in the District, serving as Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Treasury.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick; slate roofing			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Half of a double house, each half 2 bays wide; 3½ stories; raised basement; mansard roof			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Third floor round arched windows cut through the bracketed cornice; first floor windows have brick hood moulds.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Under renovation in 1980.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) A National Historic Landmark (Information above taken from nomination form.)			
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